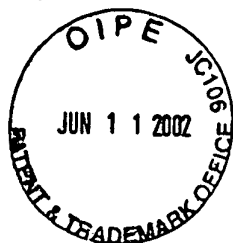


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents are cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office. A copy of the communication and its English translation are enclosed.

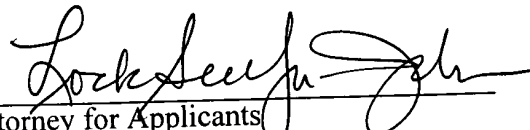
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts and/or translation, as well as in the communication from the Japanese Patent Office.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet been received in this application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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